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SUBJ: ILO: SYMPOSIUM ON SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER

1. SUMMARY. SYMPOSIUM WHICH OPENED JAN 19 WITH OVER ONE HUNDRED
PARTICIPANTS FROM ACADEMIA, TRADE UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS (LARGELY
LDCS) AND UN AGENCIES IS SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
LABOR STUDIES (IILS), A SEMI-INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ARM OF ILO. SYM-
POSIUM WILL FOCUS ON SOCIAL AND EMPLOYMENT ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

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UNDER NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. ALTHOUGH SOME PRESS COVERAGE

CAN BE EXPECTED, SYMPOSIUM UNLIKELY IN FOUR AND A HALF DAYS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO WORK OF 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OR TO HAVE IMPACT ON ILO PROGRAM OR ILO WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, ALBERT TEVOEDJRE, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE(IILS) WILL USE SYMPOSIUM TO IMPROVE HIS CREDENTIALS WITH THIRD WORLD AND TO PROMOTE HIS AMBITIONS FOR HIGH UN OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

2. SYMPOSIUM IS BRAIN CHILD OF TEVOEDJRE AND ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE SPONSOR. IT HAS BEEN OFF AGAIN ON AGAIN AFFAIR POSTPONED FROM LAST FALL TO JAN WHEN SITE MOVED TO GENEVA (SEE PARA 3 BELOW). ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD IS UNHAPPY ABOUT TEVOEDJRE'S COURTING OF ALGERIANS AND THIRD WORLD BUT UNABLE TO KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL (TEVOEDJRE LOST ELECTION FOR ILO DG TO BLANCHARD AND IS NOW USING PRESENT POSITION TO SUCCEED BLANCHARD TO TO PROMOTE HIMSELF INTO MORE PRESTIGIOUS UN POST). AT FIRST PLENARY SITTING STATEMENTS READ FOR ALGERIAN LABOR MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND ADDRESS BY TEVOEDJRE ALL HARPED ON FAMILIAR THEMES: NEED TO REPLACE UNJUST INTERNATIONAL ORDER, VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM AND ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONALS. ALGERIAN STATEMENT REGRETTED THAT "SITUATION IN OUR REGION" DID NOT ALLOW MEETING TO BE HELD IN ALGIERS AND IMPLIED THAT ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP OF THIRD WORLD WAS CAUSE OF "PROVOCATIONS, THREATS, SABOTAGE AND BOMBINGS" IN ALGERIA.

3. IN RAMBLING ADDRESS INTENDED TO GIVE SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" TEVOEDJRE MADE TWO NOTEWORTHY POINTS. HE SAID NIEO CANNOT BE REALIZED WITHOUT COOPERATION OF ALL STATES AND URGED SYMPOSIUM TO EXAMINE "NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT" BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDCS. GOALS OF "NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT" WOULD BE, (1) MINIMUM OF WELL BEING FOR ALL PEOPLES AND (2) AGREEMENT THAT NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BE LIMITED BY SPECIFIED SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. WORKING GROUP TO BE HEADED BY BEN MADY CISSE, SENEGALESE STATE MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, WILL ATTEMPT TO DRAFT "NEW MODEL FOR COOPERATION" OUTLINING SOCIAL GOALS OF DEVELOPMENT AND DELINEATING CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDCS. SECONDLY, TEVOEDJRE CALLED FOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONALS IN WHICH (1) MNES WOULD RECOGNIZE SOCIAL LEGISLATION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOALS OF HOST COUNTRIES; (2) MNES WOULD HAVE OBLIGATION TO TRAIN LOCAL PERSONNEL FOR MANAGERIAL AND MARKETING POSITIONS AND (3) MNES WOULD BE OBLIGED BY "MOST FAVORED WORKER" CLAUSE TO GIVE LOCAL WORKERS SAME WORKING CONDITIONS AS THOSE IN HOME COUNTRY.

4. WYMPOSIUM IS BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUP ON "NEW MODEL FOR COOPERATION" (SEE PARA 3 ABOVE).

PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS-IF SYMPOSIUM MAKES ANY-WILL
COME FROM WORKING GROUP. COMMITTEES WILL CONCERN THEMSELVES
WITH FOLLOWING TOPICS: (A) PLACE AND ROLE OF SOCIAL FACTORS
IN A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, (B) A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER: A NECESSARY RESPONSE TO FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS
AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL NATIONS, (C) A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND
(D) EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS IN LIGHT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER.

5. COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY WAS CONTRAST BETWEEN PRE-7TH SPECIAL
SESSION RHETORIC OF FIRST DAY STATEMENTS AND CONFERENCE
DOCUMENTS, WHICH REFER TO "A" NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER. TEVOEDJRE'S MODERATE REFERENCES TO NEED FOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LDCS AND TO PROMOTE
STRONG TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS IN LDCS NO DOUBT INTENDED TO
ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND FROM WORKERS
(SO FAR WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYER
GROUPS AT MEETING). HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT SYMPOSIUM
HAS BEEN PLANNED BY TEVOEDJRE AS STAGE FOR PLAY TO THIRD
WORLD AND TO FURTHER HIS AMBITIONS IN ILO AND REST OF UN
SYSTEM. WE EXPECT, THEREFORE, THAT CONCERN FOR INTERESTS
OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS
WILL BE LOST IN HURLEY-BURLEY POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. SHOULD
SYMPOSIUM MAKE SPLASH IN US MASS MEDIA IT COULD BECOME
EMBARASSMENT TO ILO DG BLANCHARD DURING UPCOMING VISIT TO
US. DALE

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